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To establish conditions under which the Secretary of Homeland Security may commence U.S. Customs and Border Protection security screening operations at a preclearance facility outside the United States, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. JACKSON LEE (for herself, Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi, Mr. RICHMOND, Ms. LORETTA SANCHEZ of California, Ms. CLARKE, Mr. PAYNE, Mr. HIGGINS, and Mr. BARBER) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Homeland Security

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-
2 tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

4 This Act may be cited as the “Putting Security First
5 in Preclearance Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. AUTHORITY.**

2 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Sec-
3 retary of Homeland Security (in this Act referred to as
4 the “Secretary”) may establish conditions under which the
5 Secretary may commence U.S. Customs and Border Pro-
6 tection security screening operations at a preclearance fa-
7 cility outside the United States only in accordance with
8 the requirements of this Act.

9 **SEC. 3. NOTICE TO CONGRESS.**

10 Not later than 90 days before entering into any
11 agreement to commence security screening operations at
12 a preclearance facility under section 2, the Secretary shall
13 provide to the Committee on Homeland Security of the
14 House of Representatives and the Committee on Home-
15 land Security and Governmental Affairs of the Senate with
16 the following:

17 (1) A notice of intent to commence such secu-
18 rity screening operations.

19 (2) A copy of the proposed agreement that is
20 the subject of such notice of intent.

21 (3) A comprehensive assessment that includes
22 the following:

23 (A) A homeland security threat assessment
24 for the country in which such screening oper-
25 ations are proposed.

(B) Information on the anticipated homeland security benefits associated with establishing such facility or commencing such security screening operations.

(C) Information on potential security vulnerabilities associated with commencing such security screening operations, and mitigation plans to address such potential security vulnerabilities.

(D) A U.S. Customs and Border Protection staffing model for such security screening operations and plans for how such positions would be filled.

(E) Information about the anticipated impact on border security staffing at United States airports of the deployment of U.S. Customs and Border Protection officers to carry out such security screening operations.

(F) Information on the anticipated costs over the next five fiscal years associated with commencing such security screening operations.

(G) Information on anticipated funding sources for costs identified in subparagraph (F), including user fee collections.

(H) Information on potential impacts on passengers traveling to the United States.

7 SEC. 4. PROHIBITION.

8 No U.S. Customs and Border Protection security
9 screening positions at a preclearance facility outside the
10 United States may be funded directly or through reim-
11 bursement by a foreign government or a foreign person.

